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Case 8191

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of Mitchell A. deLong :
Serial No.: 09/633,180 : Group Art Unit: not assigned
Confirmation No.: 2275 :
Filed: August 4, 2000 : Examiner: not assigned
For: 2-Decarboxy-2-Phosphinico Prostaglandin Derivatives and Methods for their
Preparation and Use

REPLY TO THE NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

A notice to file missing parts was mailed on 12 April, 2001. The notice indicates that additional claim fees of \$78 for 13 independent claims over 3 is overdue. The notice further indicates that the declaration is unsigned, and a late filing fee of \$130 for the declaration is due.

The applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the additional claim fees because there are a total of 15, not 16, independent claims in the application. Claims 1, 34, and 38-50 are independent.

Claims 2, 7-10, 12-19, 22-28, depend on claim 1. Claim 3 depends on claim 2, which depends on claim 1. Claim 4 depends on claim 3, which depends on claim 2, which depends on claim 1. Claim 5 depends on claim 4, which depends on claim 3, which depends on claim 2, which depends on claim 1. Claim 6 depends on claim 2, which depends on claim 1. Claim 11 depends on claim 10, which depends on claim 1. Claims 20 and 21 depend on claim 19, which depends on claim 1. Claims 29-33 depend on claim 28, which depends on claim 1. Claim 35 depends on claim 34, which depends on claim 1. Claims 36 and 37 depend on claim 35, which depends on claim 34, which depends on claim 1.

Therefore, the number of independent claims over 3 is 12, not 13, and the fee for 12 independent claims over 3 was already paid as shown in the Fee Transmittal

dated 4 August, 2000. A copy of the Fee Transmittal dated 4 August, 2000 is enclosed for your reference.

Enclosed herewith is a signed copy of the Declaration Combined with Power of Attorney and a Fee Transmittal for the \$130 fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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